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SUBJECT: ERITREA - VISIT AND ADDRESS OF GENERAL AMAN MICHAEL ANDOM

REF: A. ASMARA 807, B. ASMARA 808, C. ASMARA 812

1. GEN AMAN MADE SURPRISE VISIT TO ERITREA ON 6 OCT. TO DISCUSS SECURITY SITUATION WITH LOCAL GOVT OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE DERGH. A LOCAL SOURCE REPORTS THAT GEN AMAN CAME ON REQUEST OF ATO EMMANUEL, ERITREAN CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR. SAME SOURCE REPORTED THAT LOCAL MILITARY HAD REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FROM EMMANUEL TO USE ARMED FORCE TO DISRUPT MEETING REPORTED REF B. EMMANUEL REFUSED REQUEST AND CALLED GEN AMAN FOR SUPPORT. GEN AMAN REPORTEDLY REPRIMANDED TROOPS AND THEN MADE HARSH RADIO ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE. HE CALLED UPON THEM TO FOLLOW A PATH OF PEACE AND UNITY, ACCOMPANIED BY A COMMITMENT TO DESTROY THE ENEMIES OF ETHIOPIA AND A STATEMENT OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO USE FORCE TO MAINTAIN ETHIOPIAN UNITY. TEXT OF GEN AMAN'S ADDRESS FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL (REF C).

2. CURFEW REVERTED TO 2300-0500 ON 7 OCT. WITH RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT AT 1900.

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3. IL QUOTIDIANO ERITREO OF 9 OCT. CARRIES ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DERGH THAT PROHIBITION AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED MEETINGS INCLUDES MEETINGS HELD IN RURAL AREAS WITH "PERSONS LIVING ILLEGALLY". THE DERGH THREATENS SEVERE REPRISALS AGAINST PERSONS ATTENDING SUCH MEETINGS.

4. COMMENT: ANNOUNCEMENT CLEARLY AIMED AT MEETING ON 12-13 OCT., TO WHICH ELF/PLF HAS REPORTEDLY INVITED THE PUBLIC.
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